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SUBJECT: USG CLAIM AGAINST GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

REF: (A) STATE A2021 (B) STATE 59033 (C) STATE A-10385,

DEC 29, 1973

INFORMATION ON A DEBT OF \$47.8 MILLION FOR QTE KOREAN CONFLICT
LOGISTIC SUPPORT CLAIMS UNQTE WAS PROVIDED TO EMBASSY IN REFS
B AND C. INFORMATION RELATING TO THAT CLAIM IS REPEATED
BELOW IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED IN REF A:

1. COUNTRY: PHILIPPINES

2. EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE CLAIM: LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO
ALLIED FORCES DURING AND AFTER THE KOREAN CONFLICT WAS GIVEN
BY THE U.S. UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE
ACT OF 1949.

3. AMOUNT OF CLAIM: \$47.8 MILLION

4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUE INVOLVED: THERE DOES NOT
APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS
OF THE U.S. AND THE PHILIPPINES REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR
LOGISTICAL SUPPORT PROVIDED THE PHILIPPINE FORCES IN
KOREA. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE PHILIPPINES EVER
FORMALLY RECOGNIZED ANY OBLIGATION TO REIMBURSE THE U.S.,
AND IN FACT THE GOP STATED IN 1950 THAT IT COULD NOT
ASSUME THE EXPENSES OF ITS FORCES.

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5. STATUS OF USG EFFORTS TO RESOLVE CLAIM: THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INDICATED IN 1973 THAT THERE WAS NO REASON FOR CONTINUING TO CARRY THESE CLAIMS ON US TREASURY RECORDS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSED THE SAME VIEW IN TESTIMONY IN MARCH, 1976, BEFORE THE LEGISLATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE.

6. DATE OF LAST CONTACT WITH COUNTRY: FEBRUARY, 1976

7. AGENCY AND NAME OF INDIVIDUAL TO BE CONTACTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: STATE EB/IFD/OMA
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